



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 518

Chairperson: Mike Friend
Committee: Urban Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 22, 2005

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 518 would allow for the consolidation of a first class city with a second class city and/or a village, upon review of the city councils and/or village board; the adoption of an ordinance placing the consolidation issue on the ballot by each city council and/or village board; **and** the affirmative vote of each municipality involved. Under the provisions of the bill, if either of the municipalities' voters do not approve, the consolidation cannot be implemented.

Current state law now exists for second class cities and villages to consolidate in this manner, but it does not allow a city of the first class to do the same. This bill would make it possible for that scenario to occur.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Dwite Pedersen